

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2452
(Reference to House engrossed bill)

1 Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 8-143, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-143. Eligibility; limitation

5 Foster parents who are interested in adopting a child in their home or
6 any other persons interested in adopting a child under public or private
7 agency care, whether the adoption is through a public or private agency, may
8 apply to the department ~~of economic security~~ to have the adoption of a child
9 subsidized. All persons approved for the program as adoptive parents shall
10 meet adoption agency standards except for the financial ability to support
11 the child. A subsidy shall not be denied solely on the grounds that the
12 child is placed for adoption through a private agency.

13 Sec. 2. Section 8-144, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

14 8-144. Subsidy agreement; duration; amount; periodic review;
15 confidentiality

16 A. The family entering into subsidized adoption and the department
17 shall sign a subsidy agreement which shall contain a provision for periodic
18 review as provided in subsection C of this section before the final decree of
19 adoption is issued, except as provided in subsection B of this section.
20 Adoption subsidies may commence with the adoption placement or after the
21 adoption decree, and will vary with the needs due to the special
22 circumstances of the adopted child as well as the availability of other
23 resources.

24 B. The adoption subsidy may continue through the age of twenty-one if
25 the individual is enrolled in and regularly attending school unless the
26 person has received a high school diploma or certificate of equivalency. The
27 subsidy may be for special services only or for money payments, and either
28 for a limited period or for a long term, or for any combination thereof. The
29 amount of the subsidy shall not exceed the payments allowable under foster

1 family care. A special service subsidy shall not exceed the reasonable fee
2 for the service rendered in accordance with costs and procedures for
3 authorization of services as determined by the department.

4 C. There shall be a periodic review which shall take place at least
5 once a year by the department to determine the appropriateness and
6 reasonableness of all subsidies and to ascertain the need for continuing or
7 adjusting the subsidy.

8 D. Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection A of this section, an
9 application may be made and granted on behalf of a child adopted pursuant to
10 the laws of this state at any time for a new or increased adoption subsidy
11 ~~upon~~ ON documentation of an undiagnosed condition ~~which~~ THAT existed before
12 the finalization of the adoption.

13 E. All records regarding subsidized adoption shall be confidential and
14 may be disclosed only in accordance with the rules of the department ~~of~~
15 ~~economic security~~.

16 Sec. 3. Section 8-163, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

17 8-163. Eligibility

18 A. Parents who have adopted a child with special needs may apply to
19 the department ~~of economic security~~ for reimbursement of the nonrecurring
20 expenses of that adoption.

21 B. To be eligible for reimbursement, the application must document the
22 following:

23 1. The child cannot or should not be returned to the home of ~~his~~ THE
24 CHILD'S parents.

25 2. The special needs of the child require financial assistance in
26 order to place that child with the adoptive parents.

27 3. Reasonable effort has been made to place the child without
28 providing reimbursement for nonrecurring adoption expenses, unless this is
29 against the best interests of the child.

30 C. The department shall review the completed application, including
31 supporting documentation provided by the applicant, to determine eligibility
32 for reimbursement of nonrecurring adoption expenses.

33 Sec. 4. Section 8-548.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
34 read:

35 8-548.02. Interstate compact administrator

36 Pursuant to the compact the governor shall designate the director of
37 the ~~state~~ department ~~of economic security~~ as the compact administrator. The

1 compact administrator, acting jointly with like officers of other party
2 states, shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out more effectively
3 the terms of the compact. The compact administrator shall cooperate with all
4 departments, agencies and officers of and in the government of this state and
5 its subdivisions in facilitating the proper administration of the compact or
6 of any supplementary agreement or agreements entered into by this state
7 thereunder.

8 Sec. 5. Section 8-864, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

9 8-864. Timing of motions and hearings; consolidation of hearings

10 Notwithstanding any other statute, the court may order or permit the
11 filing of a motion for termination or permanent guardianship before the
12 permanency hearing is held, consolidate hearings or provide for a different
13 order of hearings if:

14 1. The permanency hearing is held no later than the time prescribed in
15 section 8-862, subsection A.

16 2. The termination hearing is held no later than the time prescribed
17 in section 8-862, subsection D, paragraph 2.

18 3. The permanent guardianship hearing is held no later than the time
19 prescribed in section 8-862, subsection ~~E~~ F, paragraph 2."

20 Renumber to conform

21 Amend title to conform

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